

TOWN OF LOS GATOS
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SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE** OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS FOR MARCH 18, 2009, HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 E MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chair Cowan.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Bob Cowan, Len Pacheco, Charles Erikson and John Almash
Absent: Phil Micciche
Staff Present: Sandy Bailly, Associate Planner

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Cowan introduced the new members.

ITEM 2: CORNER OF E. MAIN STREET AND COLLEGE AVENUE

The Committee reviewed wording for a proposed historic marker referencing the historic brick wall at this site and accepted the wording as proposed. Pacheco stated that he would get in touch with local historian, Bill Wulf to draft a letter which was required for the application submittal to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

ITEM 3: 14680 QUITO ROAD

The Committee considered a request to demolish a pre-1941 single family. The Committee made the following comments:

1. The building is unreinforced masonry, has significant structural failures and appears to be a safety hazard.
2. The structure is pasted together with bead board and old lumber. There is no evidence of decent construction material.
3. In terms of design, the structure is not noteworthy and does not have architectural significance. There is no attention to detail.
4. Anything that was of historical interest was lost years ago.
5. The trellis timbers are probably worth salvaging to incorporate into the new house.

Pacheco moved to recommend approval of the demolition based on the following findings:

1. There is no evidence that the building is associated with any events that have made a significant contribution to the Town.
2. There is no evidence that significant persons are associated with the site.
3. There are no distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction or representation of work of a master.
4. Does not yield information important to the Town's history.
5. The structural integrity has been compromised and the hazardous condition of the unreinforced masonry structure overrides the possibility of the finding of historic significance.

Almash seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: **OTHER BUSINESS**

Cowan recused himself from the meeting since he lives within 500 feet of the subject property.

215 Wilder Avenue – The Committee discussed preliminary plans to add onto a residence in the Almond Grove Historic District. The existing residence is asymmetrical and the proposed addition is symmetrical. Some discussion that the two may not balance each other. Possible solution was to downplay the mass. It was recommended that the shingle siding be maintained. The Committee concurred that all of the additions noted on the submitted plan were not historic and should not counted in the wall area required to be saved to not constitute the demolition of the house.

Cowan returned to the meeting.

ITEM 5: **STATUS OF PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS**

Baily discussed previous applications and projects and informed the Committee that the background report of the General Plan was available on the Town's web site for their review and comment.

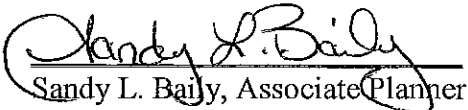
ITEM 6: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of January 21, 2009 were continued due to a lack of a quorum.

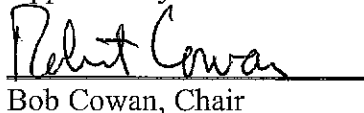
ITEM 7: **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M. to a special meeting on April 1, 2009.

Prepared by:


Sandy L. Baily, Associate Planner

Approved by:


Bob Cowan, Chair